

Application No. 10/776,
Amendment dated July 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 9, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Objections to the Drawings

The Drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) and (5). The Drawings have been amended to address these objections. In Figure 1, the "d" symbol has been replaced with "α" as kindly suggested by the Examiner, and feature number 71 has been removed. Feature number 71 is properly used in Figure 1 to designate the free end of the lever. Feature number 39 has been added to Figure 30 to designate the internal spring, and text has been added to paragraph 66 to clarify that this feature is shown in Figure 30. Feature number 102 has been removed from Figure 26. Replacement Sheets for Figures 2, 26 and 31 are provided. It is believed that all objections regarding the drawings have been resolved.

Figure 21 has also been amended as shown on the annotated sheet. It was noted that The Feature F had already been used to designate force so the forward direction described in paragraph 61 is now shown as *f*.

Objections to the Specification

The Abstract was objected to as exceeding 150 words. The Abstract has been amended so that it now contains fewer than 150 words.

The Examiner kindly suggested amendments to several paragraphs, and those amendments are presented here.

Section 5.d. of the Office Action noted that paragraph 58 appeared to be inconsistent with paragraphs 60 and 69. Typographical errors in Figure

Application No. 10/776,111
Amendment dated July 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 9, 2006

21 and paragraph 58 have been corrected, and it is believed that the confusion has now been eliminated.

Claim Objections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner. The remaining claims objected to have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 11-14 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Schramm et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,476,101). Claims 18-20 have been amended to depend from claim 1, which has been indicated as allowable. Claims 11-14 and 21 have been cancelled and the rejection is not moot.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Weilandt et al. (US 2003/0163152). Claim 21 has been cancelled and the rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Apanius for the indication that claims 1-10, 15-17 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten. Claims 1-10 have been so rewritten and the remaining claims have been cancelled.

Conclusion

Application No. 10/776
Amendment dated July 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 9, 2006

In view of the above arguments, it is believed that this Application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this Application and action towards issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any issues remain that can be resolved by telephone, Examiner Apanius is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
Promex Technologies, LLC

By Deborah Beck
Deborah R. Beck, Reg. No. 37,370
3049 Hudson Street
Franklin, IN 46131
Telephone: (317) 736-0128
Facsimile: (317) 736-0793
Email: dbeck@usbiopsy.com

Annotated Sheet

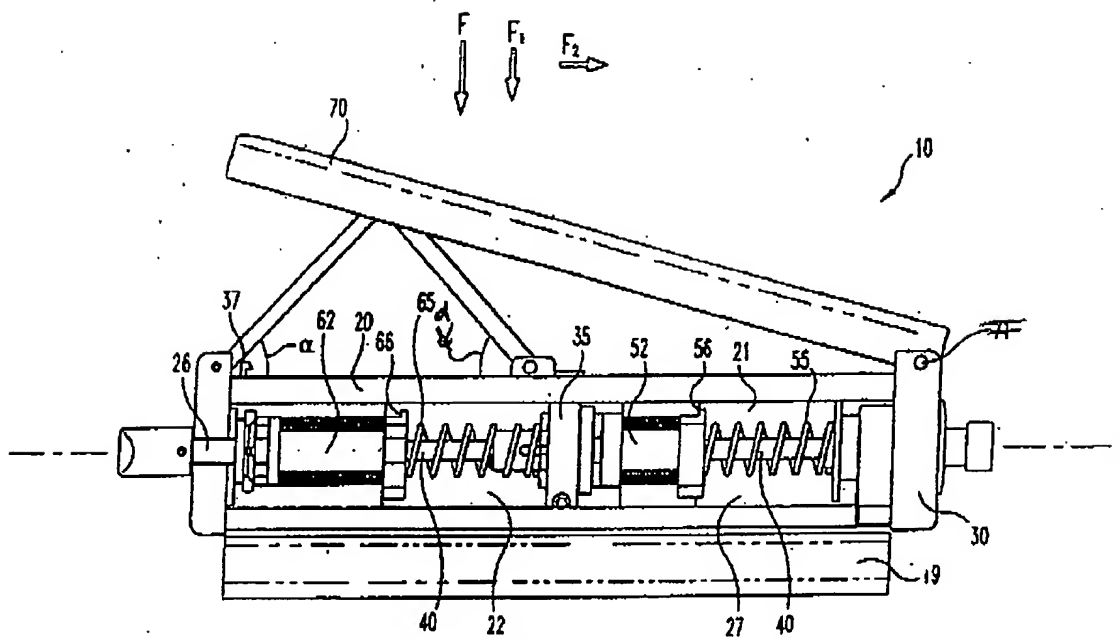


Fig. 2

Patent Application Publication Aug. 12, 2004 Sheet 2 of 22 US 2004/0158172 A1

Annotated Sheet

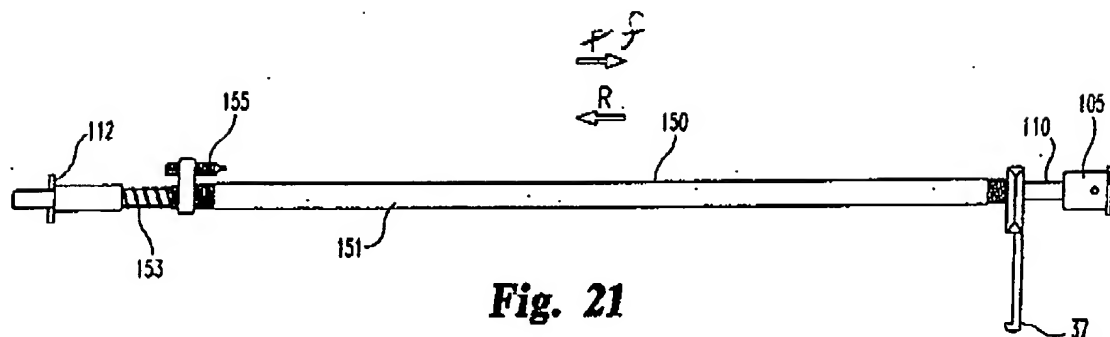


Fig. 21

Patent Application Publication Aug. 12, 2004 Sheet 16 of 22 US 2004/0158172 A1

Annotated Sheet

Patent Application Publication Aug. 12, 2004 Sheet 18 of 22

US 2004/0158172 A1

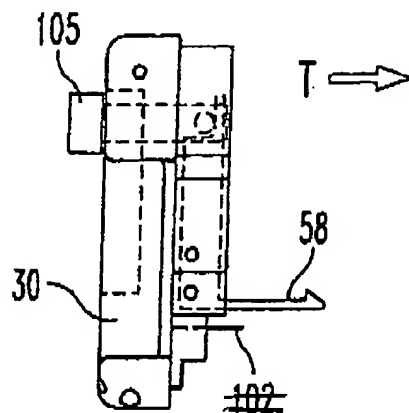


Fig. 26

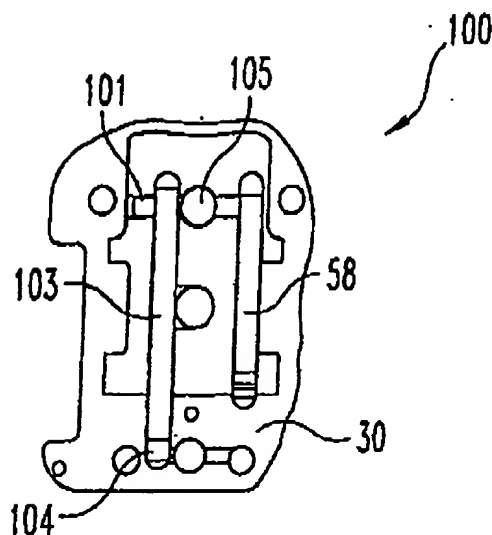


Fig. 27

Annotated Sheet

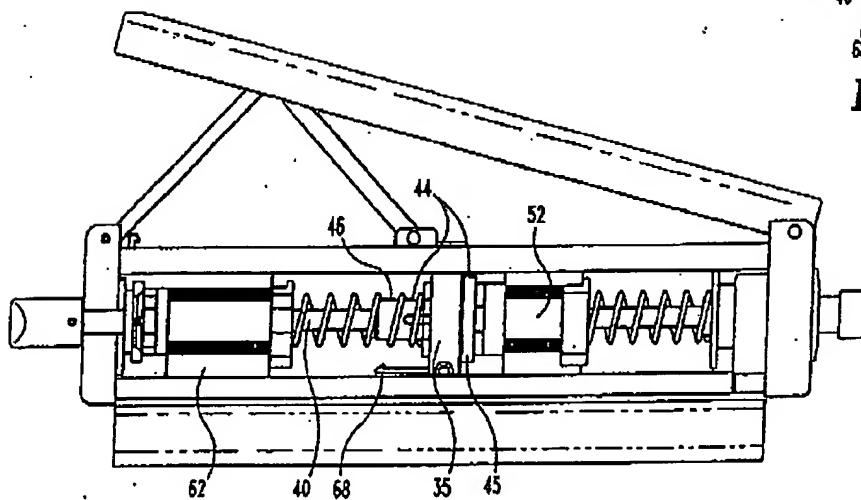


Fig. 31

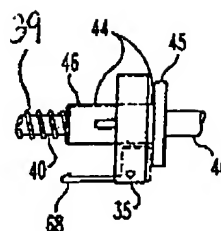


Fig. 30

Patent Application Publication Aug. 12, 2004 Sheet 21 of 22 US 2004/0158172 A1

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☒ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.